by way of eradication of that well-nigh universal poison that was spreading through all the countries of the world, especially the theory started by the protagonists of race domination, race superiority, the nordic race idea, and so forth. It is to be hoped that the many circumstances which have conspired to produce this great and welcome change in the tide of affairs will be a point of departure for humanity. When working for the removal or eradication of the (semi-secular) evil in conjunction with China and India, with the United States and England and the Allies, it will be realised that the future of the world is and lies with not one particular race or creed or domination or colour. I regard therefore this victory as an earnest of the great things to come. Moreover, as I said elsewhere, the part played by our Indian Army in this particular victory, the part that they would indubitably have to play in clearing Burma, Indo-China and various other parts of Asia from the enemy, that part will also serve to harmonise, to smooth down differences and to make for that harmony which I have indicated, would be the goal to be achieved as a result of this great struggle.

The other point, which I ventured to emphasise not only in my speech elsewhere but on many other occasions, is that the way in which the races and the governments are brought together and the discovery of new and more powerful instruments of destruction and disintegration, make it clear that the old idea of sovereignties and of nationalities must give place to new ideals. It is in that dual hope and in that firm conviction that right will prevail that I wish to place before the House the resolution sponsored by Mr. V. Sankara Menon.

The motion was carried *nem con.*

FELICITATIONS TO H. H. THE ELAYA RAJA.

President: The other is a motion wishing to express the heartfelt felicitations on the splendid success achieved by His Highness the Elaya Raja of Travancore in the B.A. Degree Examination. We all rejoice to see that a scion of the Royal Family of Travancore has after a strenuous period of study not only encountered the obstacles of these examinations and surmounted them, but surmounted with such conspicuous success. I need not say that His Highness was the first in the State in Sanskrit and got a high place both in English and other subjects. It is our prayer that fortified by these studies, and by all other things that go with reflection and ratiocination, he will become increasingly fit for every responsibility, and every burden that might come to him or that he might have to share. I put this proposition to vote.

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[President.]

"This Council begs respectfully to tender its most sincere and loyal felicitations to His Highness the Elayaraja on His Highness's brilliant and distinguished success in the recent B. A. Degree Examination."

The resolution was unanimously passed.

DEWAN-PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

President: Now, there are one or two small announcements that I shall make, which may hearten and bring relief to the people throughout this State. Elsewhere I pointed out that Travancore requires an average of more than 30,000 tons of rice every month to meet the local deficit. I further stated that from July 1942 when the first of the monthly quotas was allotted by the Madras Government till the end of April 1943, the quantity required to be imported to meet the local deficit was 300,000 tons of rice. We got only 88,000 tons. The seriousness of the deficit, and all that the deficit connotes, might be gathered from those figures. I am glad to say that, as a result of very pertinacious advocacy on the part of our representatives and of Mr. Dixon, the Dewan of Cochin, the Government of India became increasingly conscious of what is due to us and what should be given to us, and I announced that over 80,000 tons of rice are expected during the coming three months. I am glad to be able to announce that this morning we have received the intimation or rather the Supply Order, supplying us with 33,700 tons of rice of fair average quality from the Central Provinces and Berar, the delivery to be between the first of June 1943 and the first of July 1943. In other words in the course of this month, we expect to get from the Central Provinces, something like 33,700 tons. We also expect to get from the Province of Orissa a quantity of 8,500 tons, in the same period between the 1st of June and the 1st of July. Now, therefore, we have a definite promise of about 42,200 tons. This is a very, very welcome and timely relief. So much was the situation accentuated that quite recently both Travancore and Cochin had to appeal in dire distress to the Government of Madras asking if it were not possible for the Madras Government to hand over to us a certain amount of rice to meet the immediate situation. I am glad to say that the Madras Government have, in their letter received this morning, agreed to give a loan of rice to be returned when the consignments sent by the Central Government arrive. And we are likely to get about 5,000 tons so as to meet the immediate requirements of Cochin and Travancore. Now I venture to say that this is extremely welcome news, and relieves the apprehension felt by everybody who was in charge of this baffling problem; and we trust that when the

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